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**School Strep Disease Control Program
Instructions for completing the
School Strep License Application (CL-36)**

An amendment granting an increase to our fees was adopted on August 17, 1998. The license fee for a school district is \$100.00. Districts submitting applications after December 31 must pay an additional \$50.00 late fee.

1. The clinical laboratory licensure unit is now using a unique CLIS ID number, which is located on the top right hand corner of your license, for all your records. Please include this number on all renewal applications and any correspondence to the department.
2. List all SCHOOLS WITH MAILING ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS covered under the license, attaching additional pages if necessary. DO NOT LIST NURSES' NAMES.
3. Under "Testing Done On-Site" mark "YES" when testing is actually performed at the school site or if one nurse and one testing kit is used for several schools and the school in question serves as either the primary testing site or the site where the kit is maintained.
4. If you are currently using the Culture Method (i.e., Blood Agar Plates/Bacitracin Disc), please provide the name of your reference laboratory (the laboratory that checks your positives and 10% of your negatives) in the space provided.
5. If you are currently using a rapid identification kit employing Direct Antigen Testing (DAT), please provide the name of the commercial kit you are using in the space provided.

6. Although all testing sites are required to participate in proficiency testing and to report their results to us for state licensure, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will accept results from one site per CLIA '88 certificate only. School districts performing testing at multiple sites under one CLIA '88 certificate must, therefore, designate one school as the primary site. The proficiency testing results from this school only will be forwarded to CMS to meet the federal regulations for participation. NOTE: An unsatisfactory proficiency testing performance at your designated site may affect the approval status of all schools performing under your CLIA '88 certificate. State and federal regulations require successful participation in two of the three most recent proficiency testing surveys.

You are reminded that the state does not waive any of the direct antigen testing methods for Group A Streptococci from licensing.

If you have any questions, you may contact the program at 609-292-4585 or 609-984-7923.